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Schedule for Battle Group movement Berlin:

Depart bivouac 200300Z-Cross Helmstedt check pt 200415Z  
Head column arrive Berlin 201315Z-Column close Berlin 201530Z

Germany

EDT

0141 First march unit arrives Soviet check point Helmstedt 0529Z...  
column is halted and Soviets have begun to check documents. 6: 30 a.m.

0146 At 0540Z the first ten(10) vehicles cleared through Soviet check point...the vehicles have pulled to the side within the Soviet zone and are awaiting the clearance of further vehicles. It appears that Soviets will check vehicles in ten unit increments. 6: 40 a.

0152 Fog and generally poor weather conditions appear to have been the factor which delayed the original arrival of the column at Helmstedt.

0205 As of 0545Z the expected additional Soviet personnel which were expected at Helmstedt to expedite the traffic inspection had still not appeared. Travelers coming out of the Soviet zone report that the autobahn from Berlin was clear. 6: 45 a.

0301 It now appears that the reason the Soviets checked ten(10) vehicles first and then had the remaining number of the group, some fifty vehicles, come forward for inspection was that the space between the Soviet and U.S. check points, where the vehicles are normally processed, was not large enough to contain a full sixty(60) group of vehicles.

0303 At 0645Z the first full group, sixty (60), of vehicles have cleared the Helmstedt check point and are proceeding along the autobahn. 7: 45 a.

0329 At 0713Z the second group arrived at the Helmstedt checkpoint to begin processing. 8: 13 a.

0430 First group has cleared the Elbe River bridge crossing at 0806Z.

0510 Second group cleared Helmstedt check point and is proceeding at 0855Z along the autobahn. The third group is approaching the check point. 9: 55 a.

0715 At 1022Z the third group had cleared the Helmstedt check point and was proceeding down the autobahn; fourth group arriving Helmstedt. At 1030Z first group reported arrival at Soviet check point Berlin. 11: 21 a.

0720 Fourth group cleared through Helmstedt at 1005Z and moving along autobahn. 11: 30 a.

11: 05 a.

0800 FIFTH SERIeG CLEARED HELMSTEDT  
AT 1145 X

12:45 p

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0800Z Fifth group cleared Soviet check point at helmstedt at 1145Z.

0802Z First group entered Berlin, through US check point, at 1134Z.

12:34 p

7:45a to 12:34 p  
Travel time